





ILLUSIONS OF ADULTING

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A cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair and freckles, wearing a red long-sleeved shirt and pink pants, standing in an open doorway. She has a worried expression. To her right is a large orange sofa. A small brown dog sits on the floor next to the sofa, looking towards the woman. A thought bubble above the woman contains the text "Shoot! Steve didn't come home." Another thought bubble near the dog contains the text "I miss him already."

Shoot!
Steve didn't
come home.

I miss him
already.





It's ok. All couples fight.
I'll just wait right here until
he comes home.

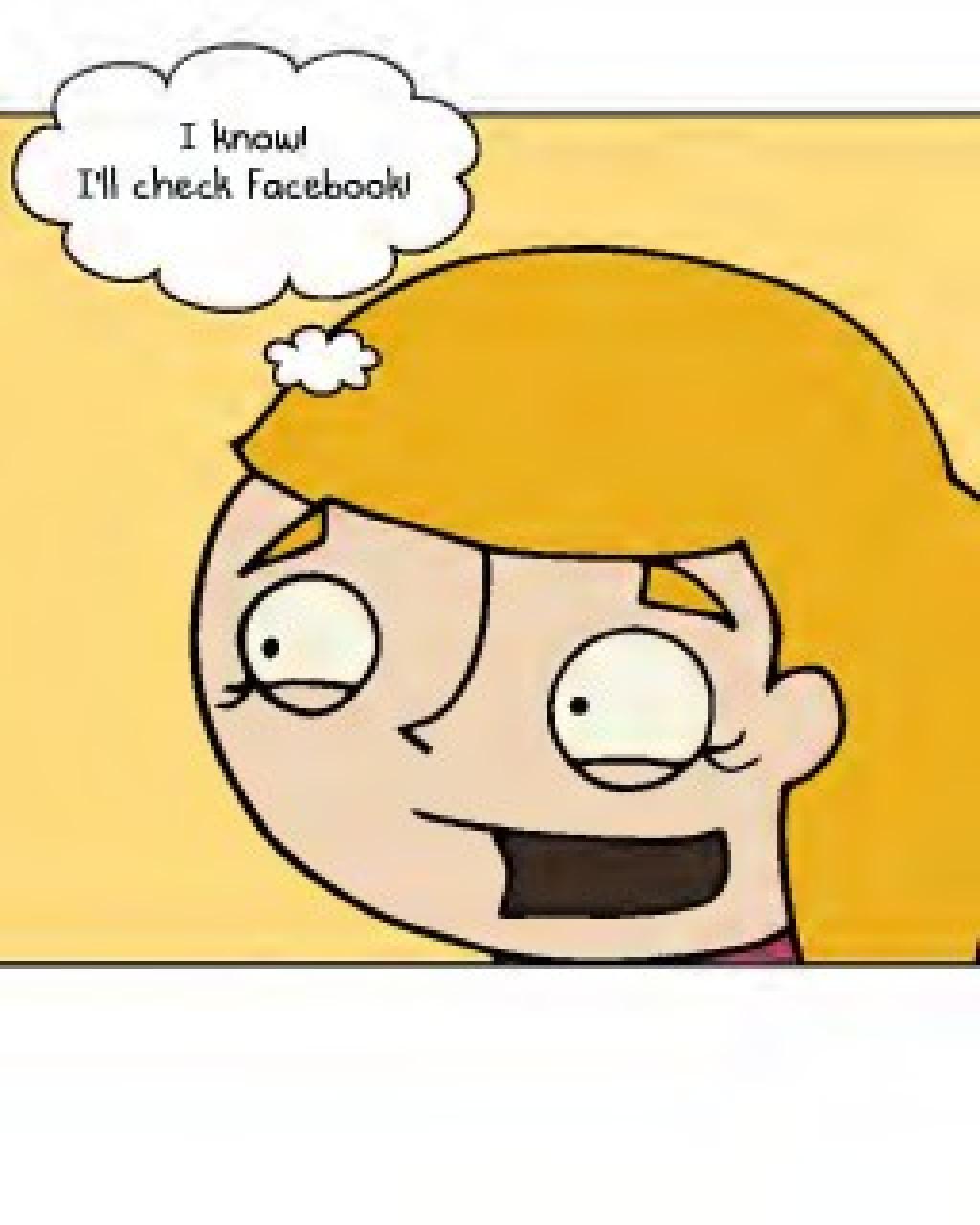


5 hours later...



This is not working.

I need some sort of a
distraction to make me
feel better.

A cartoon illustration of a character with large, round eyes and a wide, open-mouthed smile. The character has short, light-colored hair. A thought bubble originates from the character's head, containing the text "I know! I'll check Facebook!"

I know!
I'll check Facebook!

ILLUSION:

Mature
discourse
Kindness
Loving
comments



REALITY:





A cartoon illustration of a character with yellow hair and a red shirt, looking at a tablet device. A thought bubble above their head contains the text "STUPID FACEBOOK!!!".

STUPID
FACEBOOK!!!

A cartoon illustration of a character with short, blonde hair and bangs. The character has large, white eyes with black pupils and a wide, open-mouthed smile. A small, white, cloud-like thought bubble is positioned above the character's head, containing text.

Hmmmm...

well, that's just Facebook.
I should probably check
Reddit next.